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SUBJECT: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 17(G):  
RECRUITMENT AND USE AND PROSPECTS OF REDUCING THE COSTS  
OF UNDP-FINANCED EXPERTS

1. MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF DEBATE CENTERED AROUND  
MAJOR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN JIU CHAIRMAN, WHO  
INTRODUCED ITEM, AND THE JOINT COMMENTS OF UNDP AND  
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (PRESENTED IN DOCUMENT DP/334/ADD. 2).  
CHAIRMAN "REJECTED" DOCUMENT'S THEME THAT THE JIU REPORT  
CONTAINED GAPS, A NUMBER OF INCONSISTENCIES, CERTAIN  
OVER-SIMPLIFICATIONS, AND GENERALIZATIONS WHICH TENDED  
TO DISTORT THE PERSPECTIVE FOR SOME OF THE RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS. CHAIRMAN IRATELY REGRETTED THAT UNDP AGENCIES  
HAD NOT DEVOTED MORE TIME TO REVIEW OF JIU REPORT AND  
HAD ISSUED ONLY PROVISIONAL VIEWS. UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE  
SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF UNDP AGENCIES REMINDED CHAIRMAN  
THAT ONLY INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES COULD PROVIDE DEFIN-  
ITIVE VIEWS AND UNDP AGENCIES COULD NOT CONSTITUTIONALLY  
GO BEYOND PROVISIONAL STATEMENT.

2. CONSENSUS OF DELEGATIONS WAS THAT SUBJECT MATTER  
WAS COMPLEX, THAT GOVERNING COUNCIL COULD NOT HOPE TO  
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PRONOUNCE ITSELF OR ALL ON JIU'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
THAT UNDP ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR CARRYING OUT (UNSPECIFIED) RECOMMENDATIONS. CANADA,  
FRG, THE NETHERLANDS, THAILAND AND RUMANIA WERE THOSE  
SETTING FORTH THESE POINTS. U.S. STATEMENT WAS CONSIS-  
TENT WITH THESE VIEWS, FOLLOWING KEY POINTS MADE IN  
POSITION PAPER.

2. OTHER DELEGATIONS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: SWAZILAND: JIU REPORT SHOULD BE USED BY UNDP AS "WORKING BIBLE"; FINLAND SAID JIU RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CONSISTENT WITH NEW DIMENSIONS CONCEPT; USSR FOUND PROPOSALS "LEVEL-HEADED"; YEMEN AGREED GENERALLY WITH JIU RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. UNDP SECRETARIAT HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO KEEP THE ISSUE VERY LOW KEY, SEEKING SUPPORT FROM LEADING DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS' DELEGATIONS TO HAVE THE REPORT HANDED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR, WHO WORKING WITH THE AGENCIES WOULD ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SUBJECT THE REMAINDER TO FURTHER STUDY, REPORTING TO 26TH GOVERNING COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF THE JIU'S RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SECRETARIAT ITSELF, OR POSSIBLY THROUGH THE DELEGATION OF SWAZILAND, INTENDS TO INTRODUCE ITS DRAFT DECISION TO THIS EFFECT AT FRIDAY MORNING'S BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SESSION. SORENSON

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